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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the [Department of Health home page](http://www.doh.wa.gov) (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Benton County

In January 2011 the Dental Commission granted the application of dental assistant **Rebecca Cora Chavez** (D160179224) and placed conditions against her registration. Between 1999 and 2008 she was convicted of 14 felonies and misdemeanors. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

In February 2011 the Surgical Technologist Program granted the application of **Daniel Roy Corliss** (CT60200738) and placed his registration on probation for one year. In 2008 he was convicted of harassment and entered into a deferred prosecution for driving under the influence. In 2009 he was convicted of impersonation of an officer. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his registration.

Clark County

In January 2011 the Nursing Commission reinstated the license of registered nurse **Teresa A. Carden** (RN00118010) and placed her license on probation. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In February 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Susan Meade** (NA00154703) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly rubbed a soiled disposable brief in a resident's face. She also called residents derogatory names on multiple occasions. The

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Department of Social and Health Services issued findings that she physically and mentally abused the residents.

Columbia County

In February 2011 the Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems Program terminated the order of probation against emergency medical technician **Yancy Taylor Yost** (ES60119282).

Grays Harbor County

In February 2011 the Dispensing Optician Program charged **Angela L. Ferris** (DO00002043) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly accepted payment for two pairs of glasses but failed to provide the glasses to the patients. She was convicted of driving under the influence in 1999 and 2007. In 2008 she was convicted of possession of marijuana — less than 40 grams.

King County

In February 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Tiara Eldridge** (NC10075133) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly attempted to fill a prescription for herself that hadn't been legally prescribed.

In January 2011 the Nursing Commission terminated the order of probation against registered nurse **David J. House** (RN00174958).

In February 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Alesha Kay Lair** (NA60121796) with unprofessional conduct. In 2009 she was convicted of theft.

In February 2011 the Unlicensed Practice Program issued a notice of intent to issue cease and desist order to **Liming Long, D/B/A Herbal Foot Massage**. She allegedly hired two employees who aren't credentialed to practice as massage practitioners in Washington and advertised for full body and chair massages.

In February 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Nkole E. Mola** (NA00198840) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly intervened when a patient was eating a cookie which the patient wasn't supposed to have. She allegedly subdued the patient and forcefully removed the cookie resulting in inadvertent choking leaving the patient red and gasping for air.

In February 2011 the Health Care Assistant Program reprimanded **Phuong Nguyen** (HC00152299) and placed her certification on compliance monitoring for two years. After attempting to get a blood draw from a patient, with the help of a co-worker, she forgot to assure the tourniquet was removed from the patient's arm resulting in patient harm. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her certification.

In February 2011 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Jaimie D. Owen** (CO60201559) and placed her

certification on probation for two years. In 2003 she was convicted of theft and in 2007 she was convicted of forgery on more than one occasion, and possession of stolen property.

In February 2011 the Medical Commission amended the statement of charges against physician **David S. Roys** (MD00010221). He allegedly failed to adequately document rationale for care and prescribing of medications to a patient, failed to provide a structured care and monitoring plan for the patient, and failed to establish a crisis plan with the patient.

In February 2011 the Health Care Assistant and Surgical Technologist Programs charged **Elizabeth Ann Strom** (HC00150325, ST60092911) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly took expired medication and syringes from her place of employment to use on a family member.

In February 2011 the Respiratory Therapist Program denied the respiratory care practitioner temporary permit and respiratory care practitioner applications of **Amy Jo Tobin** (LR60102546, CT60102548). In 2004 her license to practice as a licensed practical nurse was indefinitely suspended.

Kittitas County

In February 2011 the Health Care Assistant Program charged **Scott A. Kjorsvik** (HC00150585) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly appeared intoxicated and his conduct appeared impaired while working one of his shifts. He also allegedly tested positive for alcohol and methadone during a urinalysis.

Okanogan County

In January 2011 the Nursing Commission reinstated the license of registered nurse **George Menard** (RN00151465) and placed his license on probation for 18 months. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

Pacific County

In February 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of certified nursing assistant **Wesley Dean Hartwell** (NC60200744) and placed his certification on probation for one year. In November 2010 his credential to practice as a registered nursing assistant was placed on probation. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his certification.

Pierce County

In February 2011 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Sarah M. Bain** (RN00161217) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In January 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program denied the application of certified nursing assistant **MaHerlouse C. Diel** (NC60197664). In 2009 she entered into a diversion agreement for the charge of fourth degree assault.

In January 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program denied the application of certified nursing assistant **Theresa Ann Gilliland** (NC60196541). In 2009 she was arrested for assault.

In February 2011 the Respiratory Therapist Program terminated the order of probation against **Chomnan Kang** (LR60035892).

Snohomish County

In January 2011 the Nursing Commission released registered nurse **Karen L. Said** (RN00135391) from terms and conditions set against her license.

In February 2011 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Lori Denise Zahler** (RN00107343) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

Whatcom County

In February 2011 the Health Care Assistant Program reinstated the credential of **Michael W. Smith** (HC00143185).

Out of State

Utah: In January 2011 the Nursing Commission reinstated the license of registered nurse **Dana M. Swindle** (RN00117258) and placed it on probation. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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